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CHAPTER VII.

The anonymous letters, or rather the one which Philip found by the side of his unconscious wife, are the ones which Philip found by the side of his unconscious wife, as she lay on the floor, and which he read as follows:

[illegible] back up and keep [illegible] not be enough to [illegible] you alive. Take warning in time.

Philip's Wife. As long as we live in Milton there is danger of two funerals. Beware, woman as well as man.

Philip sat by the study lounge holding these scrawls in his hand as he waited for his wife to recover from her fainting fit after he had applied restoratives. His heart was filled with horror at the thought of the possible conspiracy which could threaten the life of an innocent woman. There was with it a feeling of intense contempt of such childish, dime novel methods of intimidation as that of sticking a knife into the study desk. If it had not been for its effect on his wife, Philip would have laughed at the whole thing. As it was, he was surprised and alarmed that she had fainted, a thing he had never known her to do, and as soon as she was able to speak he listened anxiously to her story.

"I must have been an hour after you had gone, Philip, that I thought I heard a noise up stairs, and, think me perhaps you had left one of your windows down at the top and the rain was dashing. I went right up, and for a minute I stopped into the room. I had the feeling that some one was there."

"Didn't you carry up a light?"

"No. The lamp was burning at the end of the upper hall, and so I never thought of needing more. Well, as I moved over toward the window, still feeling that strange, unnatural, indefinite knowledge of some one there, I suddenly stepped out from behind your desk, walked right up to me and held out both hands. In one hand, while with the other he threw the light from a small bull's eye or burglar's lantern upon them."

Philip listened in amazement.

"Sarah, you must have dreamed all that. It isn't likely that any man would do such a thing."

"Philip, I did not dream. I was terribly wide awake and so scared that I couldn't even scream. My tongue seemed to be entirely useless. But I felt compelled to read what was written, and the man held the papers there until the words seemed to burn my eyes. He then walked over to the desk and with one blow drove the knife down into the wood, and then I fainted away, and that is all I can remember."

"And, what became of the man?" asked Philip, still inclined to think that his wife had in some way fallen asleep and dreamed at least a part of this strange scene, perhaps before she went up to the study and discovered the letters. "I don't know; maybe he is in the house yet, Philip. I am almost dead for fear not for myself, but for your life."

"I never had any fear of anonymous letters or of threats," replied Philip, contemptuously eying the knife, which was still sticking in the desk. "Evidently the saloon men think I am a child to be frightened with these bugaboos, which may succeed in every sensational story since the time of Captain Kidd."

"Then you think this is the work of the saloon men?"

"Who else can it be? We have no other enemies of this sort in Milton."

"But they will kill you. Oh, Philip, I cannot bear the thought of living here in this way. Let us leave this dreadful place."

"Little woman," said Philip, while he bravely drove away any slight anxiety he may have had for himself, "don't you think it would be cowardly to run away so soon?"

"Wouldn't it be better to run away so soon than to be killed? It is not any bravery in staying in a place where you are likely to be murdered by some coward?"

"I don't think I shall be," said Philip confidently. "And I don't want you to be afraid. They will not dare to harm me."

"No, Philip!" exclaimed his wife eagerly, "you must not be mistaken. I did not faint away tonight because I was afraid for myself. Surely I have the fear there. It was the thought of the peril in which you stand daily as you go out among these men, and as you go back and forth to your meetings in the dark. I am given to nervous and fainting over since the shooting, and when I was startled by the man here tonight I was so weak that I fainted. But I am sure that they do not care to harm me, and are afraid of their hatred. If they strike any one it will be you. That is the reason I want to leave this place. Say you will, Philip. Surely there are other churches where you could preach as you want to and still not be in such constant danger."

It required all of Philip's wisdom and tact and consciousness of his intimate duty to answer his wife's appeal and say no to it. It was one of the severest struggles he ever had. There was to be taken into the account not only his own safety but that of his wife as well. For, think what he would, he could not shake off the feeling that a man so cowardly as to resort to the assassination of a man would not be averse to other cowardly if should chance to be a safer way. Philip was man enough to be morally most affected by anonymous threats. A [illegible] and a day would not have entered into the logic of the words [illegible] written under the influence of fear, but on which they stood [illegible] the more they considered [illegible] that was not open to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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The Republican caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following borough offices will be held at the regular polling place in Smethport borough on Saturday, January 27th, 1900:

One person for Chief Burgess.
Two persons for Councilmen to serve for three years.
One person for Councilman to serve one for 2 year.
One person for Tax Collector.
One person for Auditor.
One person for High Constable.
Two persons for School Directors to serve for three years.
One person for Judge of Election.
One person for Inspector of Election.
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To start the new year's work, South Carolina proceeds to organize four new cotton mill companies. This is very discouraging news for political wailers.

Even General Wheeler, the old wheelhorse of the Southern Democracy, who is now about to return from the Philippines, states that the mainstay of our trouble in the islands has been the speeches of our fussy old fogies here at home.

The senate committee on privileges and elections brought in their report on the Quay case of 4 to 5 against admission on the governor's appointment. The chances are that the question will never come to a vote, as Quay's chances grow beautifully less every day.

Exports of the United States in the quarter of a century ending with 1899 have exceeded the imports by the neat sum of $3,970,000,000, every year with a single exception having shown a balance of trade in our favor. During the same period the foreign commerce of the United Kingdom has shown in every year an unfavorable balance of trade, her total excess of imports over exports during the 25 years being $14,489,000,000.

The old free-trade argument that our foreign commerce cannot flourish under protection will hardly go any longer in view of the announcement just made that exports from the United States have increased from $497 000,000 to $1,233,000,000, while those from the United Kingdom were increasing from $1,086,000,000 to $1,287,000,000. This is the work of the quarter of a century between 1875 and 1899, during all of which time the United Kingdom has had free trade, while the United States has practically all the time had protection.

Mr. James A. McKean will not be a candidate for the legislature at the coming Republican primaries. The association of his name with that office was done without his sanction. We have, however, through a close friend of his, the information that he would like to represent the Republicans of this district at the coming national convention. Mr. McKean is entirely worthy of this honor, and in this section of the county, where he once resided and where he has always been held in high regard, his selection would be generally satisfactory.—Kane Republican.

Democratic leaders are wondering what will happen next. The effect of Mr. Bryan's premature stand upon the expansion question, from which he is now trying to beat retreat, is causing havoc among Democrats who do not now know how they themselves or even their leaders stand upon public questions. Mr. Bryan has thus far made no declaration side-tracking silver, though most of his political discussions are devoted to other topics Silver, it is claimed, will not be put to the rear, but rather other issues brought foremost. The distinction is a trifle hazy even to the minds of the faithful.

The fault-finders, who could say nothing good of the administration during the Spanish war, are silent on that subject now. The British losses in a single battle in South Africa are greater than those of the United States in the entire war with Spain, showing how absolutely unfounded were the charges which these malcontents made against the conduct of our own war. The fact that men would be willing for purely partisan reasons to embarrass an administration, and thus the government, in an hour of national struggle and peril ought to bring to them and their associates the condemnation and contempt of every thoughtful citizen, irrespective of party.

Do the people of the United States need any more proof of the necessity of electing United States senators by popular vote than is given at the present time in Washington, D C? There stands M. S. Quay seeking admission on Governor Stone's appointment, after being rejected by the legislature of the state, backed by legislative bribers, ballot box stuffers, repeaters and jury bribers. Besides Quay stands W. A. Clark, senator-elect from Montana, who it is alleged paid $10,000 for votes to secure his election. This is a fine state of affairs for a nation occupying the exalted position of the United States among the nations of the world. Change the laws regulating to the election of United States senators, and give the people a chance to vote direct for them, and there would be no more of this discreditable scandal in regard to the election of United States senators.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, 1900

President McKinley will use his discretion about giving the information asked for by the Allen resolution as to the application of a representative of the Transvaal republic for recognition by this government, and why recognition was refused, as on motion of Senator Spooner, the resolution was amended so as to request the president "if not incompatible with the public interests," to furnish the information. This resolution has no other object than to embarrass the administration. It is a part of the game which has been so unsuccessfully played by the authors of the numerous resolutions, and deserves no answer. The sudden spasm of sympathy for the Boers is in reality a Democratic attempt to change the present friendly relations between the U. S. and England, for no better reason than for the making of political capital among the Irish voters. At least two Republican senators seem to have been trapped in this game, as Senators Hale and Mason were among the speakers at a public meeting last night, which was advertised as a "Boer demonstration."

The house will devote three days, beginning Tuesday, to a discussion of the Roberts' report and will then proceed to fire Roberts either by declaring his seat vacant, in accordance with the majority report, or by swearing him in and expelling him, in accordance with the minority report.

The house elections committee No. 1 has reported in favor of Hon. W. F. Aldrich, who is contesting the seat held by G. A. Robbins, Democrat, from the 4th Alabama district, and there is no doubt of the seating of Mr. Aldrich.

Chairman Payne, of the house ways and means committee, said of his bill providing for an extension of U. S. laws to Porto Rico and the establishment of customs and internal revenue collection districts on that island, which is now being considered by that committee: "It is along the line suggested by Gen. Davis, governor general of Porto Rico; Gen. Roy Stone, who has had extended experience there; the Porto Rican delegation, now in Washington, and those representatives of American commercial interests who have spoken on the subject. The bill is not the result of any conference or agreement, but I think it expresses the general view of those who have followed the hearings. The essential point is that the legislation will aid Porto Rico, without in any way injuring American interests."

That Mr. Bryan is beginning to realize that his party has got on the wrong side of the expansion question was shown, while he was in Washington, a day or two ago, by his advising the Democratic senators and representatives to be very particular in their language when discussing the question publicly, and by saying in an authorized interview: "I am not opposed to all expansion; each proposed annexation must be settled upon its own merits." It is the old, old Democratic story. In every presidential campaign for years, that party has favored, or pretended to favor, any old thing that promised to catch voters, and has not hesitated to favor a thing in one locality and oppose it in another. Before the campaign gets fairly started, Democratic speakers and editors are likely to be declaring that they have never opposed expansion at all; that it is only the bugaboo they have themselves manufactured and labeled "imperialism" which they oppose. That sort of game isn't likely to fool anybody. There are no imperialists in this country, and are not likely to be.

The naval board of construction has, by a vote of 4 to 1, refused down the recommendation of the naval officers who, after witnessing the trials of the submarine boat, Holland, thought the government ought to buy the boat, which is now at the Washington navy yard. The reason given for the action of the board was that this class of boat is still in the experimental stage. In fact, the government is itself experimenting, as it is having built, by the Columbia Iron works, of Baltimore, a submarine torpedo boat.

The house adopted an important amendment to the regular pension appropriation bill, before passing it. It authorizes the commissioner of pensions to withhold the fee of any attorney when he has the knowledge that the attorney has not discharged his full duty to the claimant. It is said to have been the practice of some attorneys to do nothing toward getting a case allowed, after they filed it, trusting to the claimant getting some member of congress to push it through knowing that being the attorney of record in the case, they could not be kept out of their fee when it was allowed.

Secretary Wilson was one of the most pleased men in Washington when President McKinley declined to pardon the Philadelphia merchants, who are serving a term in prison for violating the oleomargerine laws, as he had fought the application for a pardon from the first, claiming that to pardon them would encourage violations of those laws, which were enacted for the protection of the dairy interests of the country as well as that of the consumers of butter.

W. J. Bryan's trip into the "enemy's country" does not seem to stir up much excitement. His free silver doctrine has fallen through and with a few exceptions the American citizens are too observing, clear sighted and patriotic to take any stock in his anti expansion fiasco. Mr. Bryan will find it necessary to hunt up another hobby.

Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Manager Martin of the Pierson drug store informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of la grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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The Passing of Matt. Quay.

History is justified and made more intelligible when the fading of one epoch before the next is marked by the passing from the stage, with shuffling steps, of a man long used to the adulation and cheers of multitudes. For the individual himself the process is marked by a discrowning measuring the degree of his downfall.

Looked at in the light of present developments in Washington, Quay's passing must be conceded to possess whatever dignity attaches to the mute typifying a national movement. That Quay is passing will be proved by an examination of those present developments in Washington, and their revealed motives will illuminate the quality of his downfall.

In years gone by Mr. Quay was the most powerful man in the senate. Only Gorman on the Democratic side approached in "pull" the man from Pennsylvania whose main claims to fame have been a drooping eyelid and a fondness for the secret recesses of senatorial committee rooms. Of the Republicans, Aldrich, Allison, Hoar, Hale, Frye and a dozen others were acknowledged to be masters, from the partisan standpoint, of questions about which Quay never knew the first principles. They drafted measures; they championed them on the floor of the senate. Quay never studied draughting, and Quay has confessed that he could not look any audience in the face long enough to make more than a mediocre speech. But when the oratory was exhausted and the time for voting had come, then Matthew Stanley Quay was supreme. There are Republicans in the United States senate to day who would have voted against various measures of party program during the last 10 years, but for Quay's influence over them. The orators of the party have known this, and to Quay they have unanimously, time and again, referred the task of bringing to line any members recalcitrant on questions of tariff or finance or appropriations. Mr. Quay has been the acknowledged "whip" of the Republican party in the senate during his two terms.

But this was not the most remarkable item in Mr Quay's stock in trade. Matthew Stanley, on close votes in committee and on the floor of the senate, has been able to control the votes of certain Democratic senators. He has demonstrated this time and again. Gorman, Matt Butler, Matt Ransom, Joe Blackburn and others equally well known have repeatedly jumped party traces to help Matt Quay. It is worth noting, in this connection, that all these Democratic proxies of Quay but Blackburn are now back numbers.

Mr. Quay's "pull" with the senate gave him a "pull" with all the genuine men needing favors from the senate. Mr. James M. Swank, if he would talk, could tell of numerous interviews with M. S. Quay in behalf of tariff bills. H. C. Frick could contribute very spicy chapters a out Quay and the Carnegie armor plate frauds. H. C. Hunneweyer's agents, Schley & Moore, can tell more than Quay dreamed confessed before the investigating committee of Quay's connection with the famous Sugar scandal in the tariff act of 1894; John D. Rockafeller's Washington agent could write interesting histories of Quay and interstate commerce legislation.

The list could be extended to include Cramp, the shipbuilder, Dobson, the carpet man and a host of others. But this is ancient history now. The book is sealed. "Finis" has been written. Matt Quay has passed as a possessor of a "pull." Why?

We are now in the diffused finances period of American history. Finance is in the saddle and a select clique in Wall street is finance's brains. It's in the air at Washington. Every senator breathes it in; they all get a whack at it who want it—and the ability to write "Buy me 100 Met. and I'll shake the plum tree" is no longer the boast of any one senator, even though he has a drooping eyelid.

Finance is thus the fashion, and mighty few there be in Washington just now who care to be unconventional. Finance not only controls the senators after they get to Washington, but it takes little runs here and there to the backwoods towns where senators are elected. If a Democrat must be chosen, certain influences will see to it that the alleged Democrat has an ambition to be a financier and to favor "expansion."

All so we have American warships in the harbor of Manila; so we find an American president sympathizing with the queen of England over the turbulences of a lot of boorish South Africans who are not content to be swallowed so that civilization may have another square meal; and so, alas, we note the pathetic figure of old Matthew daily going pleadingly up Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol building there to find none so poor as to do him reverence.

Matthew has served finance in the days when finance could write testimonials for the latest legislative baby food. But now finance is the whole thing, and the only "pull" it needs is the pull of its purse strings.

Quay has passed. He might raise tobacco on that Lancaster farm, taking care not to monkey with the internal revenue stamps as another Lancastrian did. It takes the internal revenue stamps to pay for finance at Washington.—Johnstown Democrat.

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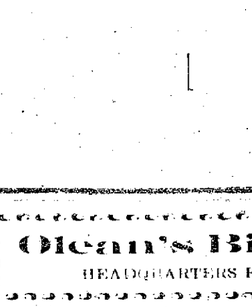

SOME SAY

that this picture is a good

BUT

As you will see I am looking up to those high prices that some ask for their line of groceries.

Would you believe it? What? That our little stock of groceries made the [illegible] prices has caused terrible utterances and very [illegible] looks. I will not mention their names this time. Mer[illegible] will buckles on their backs. They should [illegible] me now, and that if they will stick [illegible] and the [illegible] day by day, that they cannot compete with my cash prices. Now our young living neighbor merchants, is [illegible] to display in public and before other merchants [illegible] rule this little village and that every[illegible] As I have said sometime before, I will [illegible] the poor class of people hoodooed and robbed of their hard earnings. If black looks and hard words would have scared us [illegible], I would not be here with you to day. I love to see all my neighbors merchants prosper and do well, but it hurts my feelings to [illegible] day by day and see them charge the poor from 1 to 10 per cent more than an article is worth.

You paid 18 cents for Tabs per doz., our price is 15c.

You always paid 15 cents per doz. for Nonpareil wire, our price is 8c per doz.

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We did not charge you $5 50 for men's boat lip parasoines, but cashed the price down to $2.25. Quite a saving, don't you say so?

It is no wonder they cast such black looks and words my way. Oh but won't they have some big sirs to answer for robbing the poor! How it sounds, can they stand before their maker and expect to hear "well done" my son. We should do by others as we [illegible] would wish them to do by us. It is not the man who prays the loudest who lives the nearest right. It is our every day work and deeds. Ladies', gents' and children's that count. As I sometime before said to you that we often sell shoes.

In groceries we sell granulated sugar at 5½c; best dairy butter in bricks 28c, in crocks 27c; T. & C.'s best flour $4.20, Scouller's Patent and Best $4.15, Straight 98c, Snow Bird 75c, best buckwheat, 10-lb sacks 30c or 3c lb. You see what cash does, don't you? 8 lbs. oat flake 25c or less at 4c lb. Best hams 10c lb, California hams 8c lb, bacon 9c lb. This is from 2 to 4c less than other merchants that do a trust business can sell at so you see that it pays to sell for cash.

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Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 3,500, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings, a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, a planing mill, a tannery, a basket and a safety check block manufacturing co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1,650 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Come to the Institute to-morrow.

—The Port Allegany band has reorganized.

—Several cases of measles are reported from East Smethport.

—"Shore Acres" at Bradford to-night. Don't forget the excursion.

—Note change in the advertisement of Emil Thamm, in another column.

—A special train will bring you back from the show in Bradford to-night.

—The bricklayers commenced work on H. W. Rubin & Co. building Tuesday.

—Good speakers may be heard free at the court house to-morrow and next day.

—The county commissioners are advertising for bids for painting the spring ballots.

—Miss Ella Farrel of Port Allegany has accepted a position as reporter on the Reporter.

—Elisha K. Kane has a large force of men at work grading his railway line at Farmers Valley.

—The county auditors visited the poor farm Tuesday to look over the accounts of that institution.

—Olean has been admitted to the Lake Erie trotting circuit. The circuit will open the third week in June.

—There is a fine program for your entertainment on the 26th and 27th at the court house. Bring your families.

—On Tuesday evening Miss Sarah Cooley gave a delightful party in honor of her niece, Miss Charlotte Burns of Kane.

—The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railway company has a steam shovel at work near Andy Campbell's below town.

—It is reported in the [illegible] that Claude Shattuck, who is attending [illegible], is seriously ill with typhoid fever.—Olean Times.

—The MINER is in receipt of a copy of the Philadelphia Times almanac. It is a handy calendar and full of useful information.

—The fine weather is being taken advantage by carpenters and masons. The sound of the hammer and saw can be heard in all directions.

—Noah D. Folsom, an aged citizen of Bradford, died of heart failure at the residence of his niece, Mrs. M. H. Houghton, aged 73 years.

—Any one can get an education now who earnestly desires an education. The Clarion State Normal school inspires young people to strive for a higher life.

—The hardware store of J. O. Hamlin is receiving a complete overhauling and when finished will be one of the finest business places in town.

—"Queen Esther" was produced by Kane local talent last week. The Kane papers speak highly of the manner in which the various performers played their parts.

—Next week Fred McCarty will open a billiard room in the rear of Hungerford Bros'. barber shop with two billiard and three pool tables. This will make a very attractive room.

—Port Allegany is having the measles. The Reporter says: "Every kid in Miss Simpson's room was exposed to measles Monday. One of the scholars developed a full case during school hours."

—The Enterprise of Coudersport tells of a woman selling her husband for forty cents. There are women in Port Allegany that would be glad to get rid of theirs for half that money.—Reporter.

—C. H. Robie, leading optician and jeweler of Olean, has a change of advertisement in this week's issue. Mr. Robie has catered to the wants of Smethport people and his goods have proven satisfactory.

—A letter received from Mrs B. J. Jones of Perry, N. Y., ordering the MINER sent to her address, states she is employed in the Perry Knitting company's works where there are 700 employees.

—It is reported that the Republican county committee will meet in Bradford next Saturday. This seems rather funny to call this meeting the same time that many of the primaries will be held in the county.

—The thanks of the Smethport Hose company are heartily tendered to Messrs Christian and William Herzog for a donation of $15 in recognition of services rendered at the burning of their grist mill last fall.

—A. L. Pitcher died at Ormsby yesterday. He was quite an aged man. His wife died sometime ago. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his departure. The interment will be at Kinzua to-morrow.

—Robert Reakes, the Ridgway wrestler, is not "off the mat" as yet. He has made the statement, through the Ridgway Star, that he stands ready to meet any man in the world, black or white, at 140 pounds, for any amount up to $500.

—Lawrence Herzog, who has been assisting in the repairing of the Shepard house, recently purchased by C. Herzog, had the misfortune on Tuesday last to fall from the scaffolding, sustaining quite a severe sprain of the knee joint.

—W. T. Seger moved his stock of clothing and gents' furnishings into the new rooms in the remodeled Central block on Monday. Mr. Seger has been greatly handicapped by failure to procure help and material. He has a very neat and commodious store.

—J. L. Ford is moving his family this week to Smethport. His association in business with J. M. Allen proved a serious loss to Mr. Ford who seems to be a hard working and honest man, and we wish him better success in his new home.—Potter Journal.

—The kindness of the Buffalo News in sending boxes to the Philippines from the soldiers' relatives and friends was highly commendable. A number of McKean county people took advantage of the chance to send a remembrance to dear ones in the Philippines.

—The Mt. Jewett Herald says in regard to the projected glass plant at Kushequa: "It is the intention to begin operations upon the plant of the company as soon as spring opens, and push the work to a conclusion, that the making of glass may begin with the lighting of the next fire."

—Mrs. Laura Fisher, of Ceres, mother of Mrs. W. F. Burlingame, and ex-Alderman Holmes of this city, died at the home of her son-in-law, George G. Hamilton, in Ceres yesterday, of heart disease. The funeral will be held at Main Settlement to-morrow at 1 o'clock p. m.—Olean Times.

—James Broder, of Sartwell, son of Jury Commissioner Wm. Broder, who has been in the Bradford hospital for the past two weeks, arrived in Smethport Tuesday. Young Broder was operated on for an abcess, caused by an ulcerated tooth, last week, and is now recovering rapidly from his ailment.

—At a meeting of the Smethport Athletic association Tuesday evening, John Forrest, Edward Blaine, Dr. John Clark and Orlo J. Hamlin were selected members of the executive committee. With these gentlemen in power, and considering the present outlook, we predict a successful future for the association.

—The special religious services being held in the Methodist Episcopal church are increasing in attendance and interest. Rev. Mr. Hamilton and Rev. T. D. Ware are assisting the pastor, Dr. Walker, this week. The pastor will preach next Sabbath, as usual, on themes especially adapted to the hour and occasion.

—Come one, come all to Tyler's hall, Farmer's Valley, to an old fashioned donation to be held Friday, Feb. 2nd, proceeds to apply on Elder Dunbar's salary. Ladies are all invited to contribute something towards the supper. Reception committee: Guy Cleever and Frank McGill and their ladies; steward, Mrs. D. W. Derby.

—Yesterday morning as the crew of train 60 were going through Howards they discovered the dead body of a man lying beside the tracks. The train was stopped and the remains placed on board and brought to Emporium. He was dressed as a lumberman and had $19 in his pockets, but so far no one has been able to identify him.—Friday's Kane Republican.

—In reporting the trip to Hazelhurst, via the P., S. & N. R. R., in last week's MINER the name of S. E. Bell was left out of the list of passengers, and in summing up the names of those Odd Fellows who attended a meeting of Tuna Lodge in Bradford the name of Leon Comes was omitted. These vexatious oversights make the life of the average editor miserable, but, of course, these gentlemen understand that the omission was not intentional.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, for the week ending Jan. 20, 1900: Mrs. Azina Britton, Mrs. Emma Chadwick, Erve Caskey, Mrs. George Glutor, C. H. Gleason, Margaret Hoffman, Minnie Hoffman, Robert Heywood, A. V. Hill, John Maloy, W. L. Riblo, Cecil Richard, Ella Stephens, Mrs. S. J. Shea, August Schaffner; foreign, Felice Antonio, Giovanni Taliofu. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—The fixtures are being placed in the new store of Dr. John Clark, and when Messrs. Fry & Herzog open their dry goods and carpet establishment there, about the first of March, they will have a very complete store. Mr. Fry, in speaking of the new quarters, said that the firm would put in a complete stock and endeavor to make this the best dry goods store outside of the large cities. Both Mr. Fry and Mr. Herzog are experienced salesmen and we have no doubt that they mean what they say.

—It doesn't seem to make any difference to the Illustrated Buffalo Express where the news events of the world happen; it gets good pictures of the war in South Africa or in the Philippines, just as it gets good pictures of all important events nearer home. In our judgment it is the best illustrated newspaper published anywhere.

—Among the many new establishments which the rapid growth of Smethport has brought to the town, none starts out with brighter prospects of success than Dickenson's grocery in the Reilly block. Mr. Dickenson will open his large store to the public Saturday. He has a large and well selected stock of choice groceries, tastefully arranged for the inspection of customers. Visit his opening Saturday and you will be convinced that he deserves a large share of your patronage. Read what Mr Dickenson has to say in his ad.

—It has been written that "the wicked stand in slippery places" but a great many other people have tried the experiment and failed, amongst them being Rev. Nickle, who in attempting to imitate the wicked by standing where it was icy, fell and sustained a severe sprain to his hand. Here we might also add that Mrs. Nickle was unfortunate enough to sustain severe injuries by a fall into the cellar and Miss Myrtle Nickle also sustained a severe sprain while skating on Saturday and Miss Winifred Nickle has the mumps.—Mt. Jewett News.

—The Commoner and Glassworker of Pittsburg has the following complimentary notice of Elisha Kent Kane: "Mr. Kane is a wealthy lumberman owning an immense tract of property in and around Kushequa. He has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest and most successful business men in the lumber business and has always completed what he has ever started out to do, so those who know him are confident that the Kushequa window glass factory will become a fact and be in operation, if not this fire, surely next."

—It is customary in some sections of Pennsylvania to advertise the names of citizens who sign petitions for liquor licenses. Editor T. V. Cooper, of the Media American, has his own idea about this procedure, and declines to publish such a list at the request of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. He says the law makes no provision for the publication of these names, and to advertise them from the point of view of the temperance advocates is but an attempt to hold the signers up to "public scorn and ridicule," which act Mr. Cooper adds is libelous and might subject him to costs by lawsuit.—Philadelphia Press.

—John Johnson, manager of the tea store on lower Main St., shot himself this morning and the same bullet that wounded him also wounded Miss Millie Gardella, a clerk in the store. Johnson had a 38 calibre revolver in the store, which he thought was not loaded. He was snapping it while he held the index finger of his left hand over the muzzle. He pulled the trigger two or three times, but pulled it once too often, for the last time the hammer snapped for a partridge and there was a loud report and simultaneously Johnson and Miss Gardella emitted a loud exclamation. The bullet had passed through Johnson's finger and had plowed its way through the fleshy part of the wrist of the young woman and then through a door.—Bradford Star.

—The Interstate oil company's well on the Haskell farm is proving a great surprise to everyone here. When the well was being drilled no one for a moment supposed that they would get more than a two barrel well and five barrels at the uttermost. The report was on the street yesterday that it would produce from ten to twelve barrels per day. It is also reported that there is a strong pressure of gas. This oil is claimed to command a price much larger than the ordinary oil produced here will bring on the market. If this well continues to hold out what it promises now, it will have a tendency to start several drills going.—Chipawa yard. Conservative ones say that four barrels is as much as can be looked for in this well owing to the small quantity of sand, while others claim that they have seen good production from no greater quantity of sand.

—No other paper in Western New York gives such complete reports of legitimate sports as does The Buffalo Morning Express. The remarkable growth of interest in athletics in the last few years makes the comprehensive sporting department of The Express of especial interest. Other departments in this excellent paper are equally well cared for. The commercial and market page, the marine and railroad department, the columns devoted exclusively to women's interests are filled with valuable and timely information. The telegraphic pages of The Express are up to date and news is printed when it is news. The regular service, as is well known, is fortified with a large special correspondence. But above all, the columns of The Express are clean and can be turned over to young people without fear of their minds being polluted with trash or sensationalism.

—The county commissioners have decided not to allow Coroner Sherman and his jury any fees for investigating the trolley car collision which resulted in the death of Frederick Batton in this city, last summer. The supersedeas contention is made by the commissioners that the inquest in that celebrated case was unnecessary. The commissioners seem to think that expansions and the killing and maiming of human beings are casualties to be looked for where street cars run and that no inquiry need be made officially into the circumstances that deprive passengers of their lives. The matter will be decided in court.—Wednesday's Era. County Commissioner Boardman states that the county commissioners had nothing to do with the action taken in reference to the coroner's inquest in the Betton case. The auditors and not the commissioners pass upon such matters.—Bradford Star.

—Bradford Star of Saturday last: "The steel work for the new Kinzua viaduct to replace the present structure is about finished, and in April or May at the latest, the old bridge will be torn down and the new bridge substituted. The present structure, which has become famous, and which has been visited by many thousands of people is too light to accommodate the stock that modern railroads use at present and which they will use in the future, and it has been found necessary to substitute for it a heavier structure. The new bridge will be exactly the same in construction and appearance but the steel work will be much heavier and the bridge accordingly will be stronger and able to handle the heaviest trains that may be drawn over it. While the work is being carried on the Erie railroad will use the tracks of the B., R. & P. railroad from Howard Junction to Mt. Jewett. It is expected that it will take three or four months to complete the work. The old stone work will be used as it is said to be sufficient for the needs of the heaviest bridge."

—Miss Alice Welch of Eldred, who is teaching her second term at Gallupville on Potato creek, is sick with the measles. She was taken sick Sunday night and Tuesday morning she sent Miss Biggar of Eldred to fill the vacancy, thus necessitating the closing of the school for only one day. Miss Welch has the thanks of the patrons of the school for arranging to have the school kept open during her sickness.

—Misses Dora Knutson and Charl the Bard, who were the guests of Miss Lucy Butler, were seen Saturday leaving for the depot, intending to return to their homes. They arrived at the depot in time to see the train pulling out. Upon approaching.—Porter Enterprise. Perfect in proper and correct. The only mistake the Enterprise man was supposing that these young ladies intended to depart from that delightful town of all the trains above mentioned. They were only "fooling" and intended to be here from the start. Coudersport seems to have a great attraction to our young ladies as well as our young gentlemen.

Horrible Suicide at Bingham.

Herbert S. Horseman was a lumberman. Friday he was in Bradford. He had been on a prolonged spree and did not feel well. He rode on a trolley car to Lewis Run and from that point went up the B., R. & P. track to Bingham. There he secured lodging at the boarding house of H. A. Krise. A woodsman living at Bingham named Archie McKeenan knew Horseman, and to McKeenan Horseman told his troubles. He was "broke," out of work and nearly daft in consequence of his recent debauch. Saturday he felt somewhat better. But he was morose and gloomy. He went to P. B. Dunkle's general store at Bingham, Saturday evening, and purchased two two ounce bottles of laudanum. The amount due for the drug was about 30 cents, but he only had seven cents. Mr. Dunkle succeeded in getting the fellow to return one of the bottles, receiving the seven cents for the other, of will pay you the balance after supper," said Horseman.

But Dunkle never received the additional eight cents.

Horseman went to Krise's house and proceeded to his operator's apartment. While there he swallowed the two ounces of laudanum. The drug apparently did not act promptly and Horseman resolved to hurry up the results which he so fearfully desired.

He pulled his pocket knife, a cheap, dull instrument with a wooden handle and a blade about three inches in length. This he jabbed fiercely into his neck, cut and carved himself horribly, and broke off the end of the blade in his windpipe. Blood spurted in torrents from the wound. The man did not remain where he had inflicted the wounds upon himself. He crept on his hands and knees to the head of the stairway. Bleeding by bound the wretched being with a determination or accident rolled himself headlong down the stairway to the floor below. He landed by striking against a door almost at the feet of the women of the house who were preparing supper.

The scene was a most shocking one. Horseman breathed his last, writhing frightfully and covered with his dust flowing gore.

Coroner Sherman went to Bingham yesterday. "After making the usual inquiries he decided that an inquest was quite unnecessary. The burial was at the expense of the county, the commissioners having been informed of the death.

Horseman was about 30 years old. His home is at Moutown, New Brunswick. He had been a steady drinker and a quarrelsome person.

Coroner Sherman has in his possession the knife with which the cutting was done. It is covered with blood and a most ghastly relic of one of the most desperate cases of self-destruction in the history of the county.—Bradford Era.

Death of Mrs. Delos Burlingame.

Elvira Burlingame, wife of Delos Burlingame, died at her home, where she was born and married, in Sizerville on Friday, January 19, 1900.

Mrs. Burlingame was a daughter of Hiram and Polly Sizer. She was born Jan. 10, 1831, and was married Jan 21, 1855. As a girl she was loved by all, and as she advanced in years her sweet disposition and amiability made her a favorite with both old and young. She had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for nearly fifty years, and her earnest devotion, so childlike in its nature, has been an inspiration to many a seeker after better life. Her presence will be sadly missed. She leaves a husband and five children: H. D. Burlingame, Mrs. C. H. Sage, Elmer Burlingame, Verna Burlingame, Buell Burlingame; one son, Sidney, died several years ago.

The funeral was held from the family residence, Rev. Shriever of the Methodist church of Emporium conducting the services. He was assisted by a choir of select singers from Emporium who furnished beautiful music. Interment was made in Sizerville cemetery.

Relatives and friends present from abroad: Jonathan Colegrove and wife, Bella Colegrove and wife, Mrs. Laura A. Carter, Smethport; Mrs. L. T. Sage, Arcadia; Leroy Burlingame, Kessou; H. A. Avery and wife, Mrs. S. A. Wilbur, Miss Myrtle Avery, Keating Summit; W. R. Carter and wife, Austin.

Hose Company Appointments.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Smethport Hose Company, No. 1, entitled, "For the better protection of life and property, and a more systematic manner of working at fires," the foreman has duly appointed the following members:

Leading hosemen—Sheridan Gorton, Ross Knapp, Rex Gorton, Al Pierce, Jr., Garth Ramsey, Nat Ramer.

Hosemen—F. C. Sartwell, Peter Conley, Harry Backus, J. H. Biever, W. P. Walsh, M. L. Armstrong, F. M. Brainerd, John Reilly, Anson Burdick, E. T. Daly.

Ladiermen—S. J. Gifford, Leon Griggsby, Geo Koenig, E. C. Pattison, Will Seager, Ralph Burdick.

Take Notice.

The Pittsburg Argand, with advance in price of fuel to current dissolved crayon, posted and opals portraits after Feb. 1, 1900 to $1.18. Anyone having work to do will please send and see to agent at once. It will be called for about Jan. 30. Harry B. Schuh, Gen. Agt., East Smethport, Pa.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and are behind the claims for it. Any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents of this bottle may return the remainder to the druggist, and get their money back. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, hoarseness, whooping cough and bronchitis and can be taken with perfect safety. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Wood Choppers Wanted.

The undersigned will pay one dollar (one hundred cents) per cord for cutting 250 birch wood, 25 cents cords to be cut this season. Apply to C. W. Freeman, Kinzua, Pa., foreman for Erskin K. Kane.

LIGHT UP—Just go to Hamlin's & Gilman's for your lights, mantles and globes. Best and cheapest.

Miss C. J. Burke will open a dancing school in Smethport on Monday, Feb. 5. Children's class 1 to 3, adults 7 to 9 p. m.

If you intend PAINTING in the spring, ask Hamlin & Gilman for "Truths about HAMMAR PAINT."

The Mountain Railroad.

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Last Thursday's Excursion.

Last Thursday the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R. company gave another delightful excursion to Mt. Jewett. The board of trade issued circulars to the citizens and when the train pulled out from the Mechanic street crossing there were about 150 people on board. The MINER man, being of a doubtful disposition, did not feel disposed to crowd himself into the coaches, consequently he rambled the engine where he was pleased to meet Master Mechanic I. H. Beers of Angelica, N. Y., and Engineer Lawrence Hopper, as well as W. G. Hamlin of our town, who made the trip very pleasant indeed.

When Conductor J. J. Way gave the signal for departure everybody on board felt at peace with all the world, for the reason that almost every denomination on earth was represented by a minister. The officials of the road made especial efforts to make the trip delightful for all. Supt M. S. Blair was everywhere to see that nothing went amiss.

Going to Mt. Jewett the trip was spent and uneventful, but coming back it was quite different. The mountain air of the elevated city seemed to have an invigorating influence upon the party, and when the return trip was commenced it was discovered that there were several orators aboard among whom mention might be made of T. H. Clark, Leonard Koenig and last but not least Charles Miller who, it is claimed, made a most excellent speech but when it came to the windup forgot his lines, and while he hesitated some one in the crowd suggested to wish him a Merry Christmas, which Mr. Miller accepted as a fitting close to his admirable address. When Hazelhurst was reached on the return trip 10 minutes were allowed for refreshments, and landlords Foster, Eckhart and Brunstrum were kept busy catering to the wants of the hungry wayfarers. That they faithfully discharged their duties no one will question who saw the Kane bonifaces meandering back to the train. There never was a happier crowd making efforts to get home than that which left Hazelhurst last Thursday.

One pleasing feature of the visit to that place was the meeting of two separated friends, the two "Corrib Jones"—John Rooney and John Brennan. These two bosom friends had scarcely met since they divided themselves from a poor hard-working farmer in Open Brook five years ago, and when on this occasion they fell upon each other's necks and wept tears of joy a feeling of deep solemnity possessed all who witnessed that never-to-be-forgotten scene. It required the strength of the entire party to separate those long-lost friends.

The trip down the beautiful valley of the Marvin was, with one exception, uneventful. Difficult to locate his farm, but he finally made the proper selection and descended from the train at the right spot.

The MINER is requested to tender to the officials of the P., S. & N. R. R. thanks for the kindness conferred upon the citizens of Smethport. May these gentlemen live long and prosper. May it be their privilege to tender to other people many such excursions as they gave to Smethport residents last Thursday. In speaking of the excursion to Mt. Jewett Herald says:

"An excursion train arrived in Mt. Jewett about 3 p. m. yesterday over the line of the P., S. & N. railroad from Smethport, carrying 150 prominent citizens of the county seat, and vicinity, together with a delegation of the officials of the line. The object of the trip was the enlightening of the residents of Smethport regarding the future possibilities of the new road, and to make plain the rapid advancement of the communities of Mt. Jewett, Hazelhurst and Marvindale in matters industrial.

"On the arrival of the train at the Grand Central Union depot the gentlemen of the party quickly distributed themselves about town, and proceeded to size up our community, and expressions of surprise at the evidences of man-hood advancement were prompt forthcoming on every side. A large party paid a visit to the plant of the Bond Glass company, where they surveyed the manufacture of window glass, after which a visit was made to the plant of the Progress Glass company where the members were familiarized with the mannfacture of colored and decorated glassware, and those desiring were presented by the management with a sample of the product of the concern.

"At 4:30 the train departed for Hazelhurst, where after a pleasant ride of half an hour the party again alighted, and received the freedom of the city at the hands of Judge Potter, of the Hotel Bagel, and a number of other prominent citizens of the Marvin Creek metropolis. After an hour of sight seeing in Hazelhurst, the journey to a homeward direction was resumed, and as the train rolled away from the depot it was generally resolved that it carried none but that which is good, and a credit of that which is best, in McKean county manhood."

I. H. Berry, agriculturist, writes: "I am willing to make my oath that I was cured of rheumatism entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after the doctor failed. It saves my children of whooping cough." Sold by L. K. Hogarth & Co. Relieves croup, coughs, grippe and the sad and long troubles of children. Mothers endorse it. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Ladies' wool underwear, sizes 4 and 5 only, former price $1.75 a suit, to close at 90c a suit.

Fancy pillow covers, will close few left at 25c each, former price was 75 and 45c.

Ladies night gowns, we find our stock too heavy; close a few at 45, 65 and 85c, form er price 50 and 75c and $1 ea.

Men's outing flannel night gowns; will close at 45c each.

Broken lots and sizes of men's colored dress shirts, former price 50, 65 and 75c will give you your choice for 45c each

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"If you kill him, you will kill me."

to his feet, feeling sure that if the crowd once threw him down they would trample him to death. Once some one threw a rope over the wretched man's head. Both he and Mr. Winter were struck again and again. Their clothes were torn into tatters. Mr. Winter was faint and reeling. Only his great terror made his clutch on Philip like that of a drowning man.

At last the crowd had dragged the two outside the gate into the street. Here they paused awhile, and Philip again spoke to the mob.

"Men, made in God's image, listen to me! Do not take innocent life. If you kill him, you kill me also, for I will never leave his side alive, and I will not permit such murder if I can prevent it."

"Kill them both—the bloody coward and the priest!" yelled a voice. "They both belong to the same church."

"Yes, hang 'em! Hang 'em both!" A tempest of cries went up. Philip towered up like a giant. In the light of the street lamp he looked out over the great sea of passionate, brutal faces, crazed with drink and riot, and a great wave of compassionate feeling swept over him. Those nearest never forgot that look. It was Christlike in its yearning love for lost children. His lips moved in prayer.

And just then the outer circle of the crowd seemed agitated. It had surged up nearer the light with the evident intention of hanging the mill owner on one of the crosspieces of a telegraph pole near by. The rope had again been thrown over his head. Philip stood with one arm about Mr. Winter and with the other stretched out in entreaty, when he heard a pistol shot, then another. The entire police department had been summoned and had finally arrived. There was a skirmishing rattle of shots. But the crowd began to scatter in the neighborhood of the police force. Then those nearer Philip began to run as best they could away from the officers. Philip and the mill owner were dragged along with the rest in the growing confusion until, watching his opportunity, Philip pulled Mr. Winter behind one of the large poles by which the lights of the street were suspended.

Here, sheltered a little, but struck by many a blow, Philip managed to shield with his own body the man who only a little while before had come into his own house and called him a liar and threatened to withdraw his church support because of the preaching of Christ's principles.

When finally the officers reached the two men, Mr. Winter was nearly dead from the fright. Philip was badly bruised, but not seriously, and he helped Mr. Winter back to the house, while a few of the police remained on guard the rest of the night. It was while recovering from the effects of the night's attack that Philip little by little learned of the facts that led up to the assault.

There had been a growing feeling of discontent in all the mills, and it had finally taken shape in the Ocean mill, which was largely owned and controlled by Mr. Winter. The discontent arose from a new scale of wages submitted by the company. It was not satisfactory to the men, and the afternoon of that evening on which Philip had gone down to the hall a committee of the mill men had waited on Mr. Winter, and after a long conference had gone away without getting any satisfaction. They could not agree on the proposition made by the company and by their own labor organization. Later in the day one of the committee, under instructions, went to see Mr. Winter alone and came away from the interview very much excited and angry. He spent the first part of the evening in a saloon, where he related a part of his interview with the mill owner, and said that he had finally kicked him out of the office. Still later in the evening he told several of the men that he was going to see Mr. Winter again, knowing that on certain evenings he was in the habit of staying down at the mill office until nearly half past 9 for special business. The mills were undergoing repairs, and Mr. Winter was away from home more than usual.

That was the last that any one saw of the man until, about 10 o'clock, some one going home past the mill office heard a man groaning at the foot of a new excavation at the end of the building and climbing down discovered the man who had been to see Mr. Winter twice that afternoon. He had a terrible gash in his head and lived only a few minutes after he was discovered. To the half dozen men who stood over him in the saloon, where he had been carried, he had murmured the name of "Mr. Winter" and had then expired.

A very little adds fuel to the brain of men already heated with rum and hatred. The rumor spread like lightning that the wealthy mill owner had killed one of the employees who had gone to see him peaceably and arrange matters for the men. He had thrown him out of the office into one of the new mill excavations and left him there to die like a dog in a ditch. So the story ran all through the tenement district, and in an incredibly swift time the worst elements in Milton were surging toward Mr. Winter's house with murder in their hearts and the means of accomplishing it in their hands.

Mr. Winter had finished his work at the office and gone home to sit down to a late lunch, as his custom was, when he was interrupted by the mob. The rest of the incident is connected with what has been told. The crowd seized him with little ceremony, and it was only Philip's timely arrival and his saving of minutes until the police arrived that prevented a lynching in Milton that night. As it was Mr. Winter received a scare from which it took a long time to recover. He dreaded to go out alone at night. He kept on guard a special watchman and lived in more or less terror even then. It was satisfactorily proved in a few days that the man who had gone to see Mr. Winter had never reached the office door; but, coming around the corner of the building where the new work was being done, he had fallen off the stonework, striking on a rock in such a way as to produce a fatal wound. This tempered the feeling of the workmen toward Mr. Winter, but a widespread unrest and discontent had seized on every man employed in the mills, and as the winter drew on affairs reached a crisis.

The difference between the mills and the men over the scale of wages could not be settled. The men began to talk about a strike. Philip heard of it and at once, with his usual frankness and boldness, spoke with downright plainness to the men against it. That was at the little hall a week after the attempt on Mr. Winter's life. Philip's part in that night's event had added to his reputation and his popularity with the men. They admired his courage and his grit. Most of them were ashamed of the whole affair, especially after they had sobered down and it had been proved that Mr. Winter had not touched the man. So Philip was welcomed with applause as he came out on the little platform and looked over the crowded room, seeing many faces there that had glared at him in the mob a week before. And yet his heart told him he loved these men, and his reason told him that it was the sinner and the unconverted that God loved. It was a terrible responsibility to have such men count him popular, and he prayed that wisdom might be given him in the approaching crisis, especially as he seemed to have some real influence.

He had not spoken ten words when some one by the door cried: "Come outside! Big crowd out here want to get in." It was moonlight and not very cold, so every one moved out of the hall, and Philip mounted the steps of a storehouse near by and spoke to a crowd that filled up the street in front and for a long distance right and left. His speech was very brief, but it was fortified with telling figures, and at the close he stood and answered a perfect torrent of questions. His main counsel was against a strike in the present situation. He had made himself familiar with the facts on both sides. Strikes, he argued, except in very rare cases, were demoralizing—an unhealthy, disastrous method of getting justice done.

"Why, just look at that strike in Preston, England, among the cotton spinners. There were only 600 operatives, but that strike, before it ended, threw out of employment over 7,800 weavers and other workmen who had nothing whatever to do with the quarrel of the 600 men. In the recent strike in the cotton trade in Lancashire at the end of the first 12 weeks the operatives had lost in wages alone $4,500,000. Four strikes that occurred in England between 1870 and 1889 involved a loss in wages of more than $25,000,000. In 22,000 strikes investigated lately by the national bureau of labor it is estimated that the employees lost about $51,800,000, while the employers lost only $30,700,000. Out of 333 strikes in England between 1870 and 1880 191 were lost by the strikers, 71 were gained and 91 compromised, but in the strikes that were successful it took several years to regain in wages the amount lost by the enforced idleness of the men."

There were enough hard thinking, sensible men in the audience that night to see the force of his arguments. The majority, however, were in favor of a general strike to gain their point in regard to the scale of wages. When Philip went home, he carried with him the conviction that a general strike in the mills was pending. In spite of the fact that it was the worst possible season of the year for such action and in spite of the fact that the difference demanded by the men was a trifle compared with their loss of wages the very first day of idleness, there was a determination among the leaders that the 15,000 men in the mills should all go out in the course of a few days if the demands of the men in the Ocean mill were not granted.

What was the surprise of every one in Milton, therefore, the very next day when it was announced that every mill in the great system had shut down and not a man of the 15,000 laborers who marched to the buildings in the early gray of the winter morning found entrance! Statements were posted up on the doors that the mills were shut down until further notice. The mill owners had stolen a march on the employees, and the big strike was on; but it had been started by capital, not by labor, and labor went to its tenement or congregated in the saloon, sullen and gloomy, and as days went by and the mills showed no signs of opening the great army of the unemployed walked the streets of Milton in growing discontent and fast accumulating debt and poverty.

Meanwhile the trial of the man arrested for shooting Philip came on, and Philip and his wife both appeared as witnesses in the case. The man was convicted and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. It has nothing special to do with the history of Philip Strong, but may be of interest to the reader to know that in two years' time he was pardoned out and returned to Milton to open his old saloon, where he actually sold more than once the story of his attempt at the preacher's life.

There came also during those stormy times in Milton the trial of several of the men who were arrested for the assault on Mr. Winter. Philip was also summoned as a witness in these cases. As always, he frankly testified to what he knew and saw. Several of the accused were convicted and sentenced to short terms. But the mill owner, probably fearing revenge on the part of the men, did not push the matter, and most of the cases went by default for lack of prosecution.

Mr. Winter's manner toward Philip underwent a change after that memorable evening when the minister stood by him at the peril of his own life. There was a feeling of genuine respect, mingled with fear, in his deportment toward Philip. To say that they were warm friends would be saying too much. Men as widely different as the minister and the wealthy mill man do not come together on that sacred ground of friendship, even when one is indebted to the other for his life. A man may save another from hanging and still be unable to save him from selfishness. And Mr. Winter went his way and Philip went his on a different basis, so far as common greeting went, but no nearer in the real thing, which makes heart to heart communion impossible. For the time being Mr. Winter's hostility was submerged under his indebtedness to Philip. He returned to his own place in the church and contributed to the financial support.

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Raising Leeches.

Leech farmers go about their business in an interesting way. Having fenced and watered a suitable meadow, they proceed to sow it with leeches by scattering them broadcast on the land from sacks containing 15,000 leeches each. All that is now necessary is to provide for the crop plenty of water and plenty of blood. The usual method of providing the latter is to drive old horses and cattle into the inclosure, but sometimes fresh blood from a slaughter house is supplied.—Chicago News.

The Rilling and Cooing.

Uncle George—You do not appear to think it necessary to spend so much time at home as you did when you were first married. I suppose the billing and cooing are all over now.

Harry—There doesn't seem to be much of a let up in the billing, and, as for the cooing, I am dreadfully afraid of it. It is sure to mean a new hat or a new gown or a new something.—Boston Transcript.

Shooting Stars.

Sir Robert Ball, the eminent astronomer, once told an audience that any one who took the trouble to lie on his back on the ground and gaze at a clear night sky would, as his eyes became accustomed to the heavens, soon perceive numbers of shooting stars.

Bottles of perfume, still fresh, and jars of pomade that had not lost its fragrance have been recovered from Herculaneum and Pompeii.

THE CHURCH OF MEN.

If you could see among the people
The saint and sinner in each,
And for the sinner feel compassion,
Drawn with the cords of love and pity,
And for the saint
Have only love and reverence,
What then? Why, simply to be human,
As God looked on us sinners.

If you could look the burden of another
That he is compassed round with,
Show mercy in the very sense of which
And have no thought
But to help him bear it,
Forgive as God forgives,
Would you appear to others
More noble or more just?

Ah no! A man should do his part
And carry all his load,
Repaired to share with every man in it
The peaches of the soul,
Not given to thinking evil upon
Of men and girls below,
But glad to be in fellowship
With all the human kind.

—Charles Buxton Going, in Harper's Weekly.

HER ONLY CHANCE

How a Frenchman Preserved the Traditions of the French Race.

"Three sacks of bonbons one for you, madame; one for you, Mlle. Estelle, and one for you, Mlle. Gabrielle. They came with this white lilac from M. Allard."

Madame put by her sack unopened. Gabrielle, a tall, well built girl, with handsome, regular features, dressed as richly as would be becoming in a demoiselle à marier, opened the one that bore her name daintily embroidered on it, took out a sweet, and then began to arrange the lilac. Gabrielle found a difficult to untie the gold stranded string around the neck of the sack, and went to her workbasket at the other end of the room for a knitting needle. There were signs of excitement in the agreeable, but not pretty face of the girl, who indeed had nothing but a fine pair of eyes and look of good nature to atone for heavy features, colorless face and dull hair. Her short, rather squat figure was little aided by her somewhat unfashionable frock. A minute later she was really pretty—for a moment—as her eyes eagerly gazed at a letter that she drew out of the bag. She uttered a little cry, and then ran forward.

"Oh, but look here, auntie; look at this!" Suddenly an air of dismay came over her. "It can't be for me," she continued. "It must be for you, Eulalie."

The aunt read the letter, or rather note, aloud:

Mademoiselle—I take this opportunity of telling you what you must have guessed—that I love you. It is my intention to make a formal demand of your hand in marriage. However, as long resident desire in England has made me feel that I should not do so without knowing whether the proposal would be agreeable. I dare not put it higher to you. I know it is an unusual step to take. You must ascribe it to my unusual training. This afternoon, when I present myself, I trust you will give me some sign whether you are willing I should ask the question on which depends the happiness of my life. Believe me, mademoiselle, yours more passionately than he would be becoming for me to say.

GEORGES ALLARD.

"Oh, Gabrielle," cried both of the others, "how strange and how fortunate!"

"And," madame continued, "he is a far better party than you could have dreamed of and a charming fellow."

"But it must have been meant for Eulalie."

All three examined the sacks, and Gabrielle examined her heart as well. Certainly there was no mistake about the heart; apparently none about the sacks.

"Your uncle," said Mme. Goudinet, "will be delighted, and I suppose," she added quizzically, "that the blush in your cheek, Gabrielle, may be taken as a sign of acquiescence."

The blush burned deeper.

"Come," said Eulalie. "While mamma is talking to father about it I'll make you look as smart as possible. We haven't much time, for I expect *your*"—and she paused maliciously—"pretended will be here at 5 o'clock."

At 4:45 o'clock M. Allard was announced. The salon was half full of members of the Goudinet family, for it was the birthday of M. Goudinet as well as New Year's day. No one knew the secret, since M. Goudinet determined to contrive a little poetic coup de théâtre for the benefit of the family. Everybody was whispering about the unwonted prettiness of Gabrielle. Eulalie had not "come down;" she had taken so much time arranging Gabrielle that she was late over her own toilet.

M. Allard entered; a good looking fellow, dressed in English style, with a manly air and a nervous manner. M. Goudinet advanced to the door impressively and grasped his hand—"une bonne poignée de main à l'Anglaise."

"My friends," he said, turning round and making a sweeping oratorical gesture with his right hand, "I am going to give you a charming surprise, a poetic emotion, not undramatic, a delightful instance of one of the good qualities of a sister nation.

"My friends," continued M. Goudinet in his most oratorical manner, "M. Allard has today made a demand of marriage in the most delightful style, and it is with the utmost pleasure that Mme. Goudinet and I accede to his request."

The radiant look on the young man's face was delightful to see. The girl leaned against her aunt for support.

"Come here, my dear," called M. Goudinet. "Come here."

Mme. Goudinet led her forward.

For the first time during the scene M. Allard saw her. In a second his eyes searched the whole room. The color fled from his face. He gazed at the girl as if he were a man gazing at death.

"M. Allard, my dear nephew," said M. Goudinet, joining the hands of the two young people. "Embrassez votre fiancée."

There was a long pause, thrillingly long. The man was gazing at the girl's face, a strange look in his. She raised her eyes, the beautiful eyes—her one charm—eyes then brilliant with happiness and affection. He bent forward to kiss her forehead. Suddenly she started, giving a cry of pain.

"Oh, you have hurt my hand, monsieur! You have pressed it so hard."

He tried to stammer an excuse. Her eyes were fixed on his face. Ere he had uttered two words she interrupted: "M. Allard, was there no mistake? Was the letter in the right sack? Was it meant for me?"

He gasped and stuttered.

"What does this mean?" asked M. Goudinet.

"Uncle, it means there is a mistake. I saw in his eyes that he does not love me."

"What does this mean?" said M. Goudinet sharply to the young man.

"There was a mistake," said the young man mournfully. "Goodness knows how it happened! The letter was meant for your daughter."

"Well—but"— interposed M. Goudinet.

"But," continued the young man, with dignity, "when I saw what a mistake there was and the fault was mine, when I guessed, too, I hope fortunately, that Mlle. Gabrielle had some liking for me and knew she was willing to accept me, I determined as a true Frenchman to take the happiness offered to me, even if it were not that which I sought, and carry the secret of my mistake to the grave."

Everybody was profoundly moved, the ladies, all of them, to tears.

"I am still ready," said the young man, with trembling voice; but Gabrielle interrupted him.

"I know what I lose," said the puzzled girl, the words forcing themselves painfully from her, "but I will not be ungenerous. As M. Allard does not love me, I will not be his wife, since he seek love in marriage."

M. Goudinet and both wife and son of his wife came round to congratulate the dear ways of the right man.

"Mr. friends," he said, as at last the mood was quieted and Eulalie came in, "my friends, M. Allard has not shown himself a Frenchman, but has the grand old traditional courtesy of his race and inspired by it has made a more brilliant sacrifice than he knows. Let us, then, not be ungenerous, but, since we are a pack of selfish people, let us do so if it be necessary to keep the letter of our contract. Let us, instead of one fiancée, have two."

Two minutes later the engagement of Miss Eulalie was announced, and the first official kiss of the [illegible] was given to Gabrielle Goudinet.

Children Study Too Much.

The overpressing system that is now overpowering cycle and cycle threatens the American people, according to Edward Bok in "The Ladies' Home Journal." No child under 15 years of age, he contends, should be given any home study whatever by his teachers. He should have not more than from one hour to four of schooling each day, the latter increasing with his years. Outside of school hours he should have from two to three hours of play. After the brain has reached a period of rapid development, with special increase of the higher faculties, four hours of school study may be added. But that is enough.

"Five hours of brain work a day is the most that we should exact of our children, and the child should pass at least two hours a day in the open air. Our boys and girls do not get enough fresh air and sunshine into their homes and natures. The over-meticulousness of learning understands. The need of physical development for brain growth is far better than do our lesser schools and our homes, sad as it is to admit it."

Why Tower, Not Castle, of London.

London's most famous [illegible] building was named the Tower, and not the "castle," of London. Most fortresses of Norman construction in England keep the name of castle, as Windsor's Norman fortress does, before all other title. The reason is to be found in the methods of Norman military architecture. A Norman fortress was constructed of a tower or keep, with an attendant castle, each having the same relative importance. The first constable of the Tower called himself constable of the Tower of London and not attendant castle. Whereas in the case of most such buildings in England the name castle has survived longest, in the case of the principal fortresses of the capitals of Normandy and of Norman England the tower was the chief part of the fortifications. Thus the castle at Rouen, like the castle at London, always has been called the Tour de Rouen. The White Tower was so called because its builder, Henry III, whitewashed it.

Time to Go.

The traveling men were talking about hard luck, and one of the number said: "Did you hear about Murray? He went over to Jacksonville on his first trip with his little speech all ready, but with fear and trembling as to the result of its delivery. His first stop was to a newspaper office, and he got 'shed off' in good style at his first.

"What can you sell me that paper for?' asked the newspaper man, producing from a pile a sheet of paper.

"'Now,' thought Murray, 'is the time for me to make a name for myself as a man of discretion.' And he quoted the price at 21 cents.

"'Three and a half cents?' repeated the newspaper man. 'Well, here is the bill from your house at 5 cents. Will you kindly see that it is corrected?'

"Murray died in disgust."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Philosophy of a Six-year-old.

Some bright little girls who live in West Ninety-sixth street were recently taken by their parents to see the wax figures of the "zoo" at Bronx park. As they reached the habitation of the wolf they found the beast just devouring a live sparrow as a portion of his dinner. The oldest little girl, becoming excited and indignant over the spectacle, stamped her foot, exclaiming: "Oh, you cruel, wicked wolf, to eat that dey little sparrow! What a monster you are!"

Miss Marion, aged 6, looked at her bereaved sister with a philosophic air and said, "What do you want the wolf to do, shoot it and cook it first?"—New York Tribune.

Talent.

"Mrs. Bingley is a wonderful woman."

"In what way?"

"When she takes the second prize at a card party, she can appear so thrilled with what she gets that she always makes the winner of the first prize jealous and dissatisfied."—Chicago Times-Herald.

An Unwanted Aspect.

"This is Mrs. Oughleigh's portrait, is it?" said the caller. "I should hardly have recognized it. The chin does not look at all like hers."

"Perhaps," suggested the husband of Mrs. Oughleigh, "you have never seen her chin in repose."—Chicago Tribune.

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Dead Game.

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